the number of districts where the cellular mobile services are being provided by BSNL as on 30.11.2002 are as per Statement (*See* below).

(b) 23 Districts are still to be connected by Cellular Mobile Service in Orissa.

(c) The remaining districts in the country are likely to be covered progressively by mobile services by August/September, 2003.

Statement

State-wise details for coverage of BSNL Mobile Service

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Districts covered upto 30.11.2002
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	10
2	WEST BENGAL	12
3 (a)	BIHAR	4
3 (b)	JHARKHAND	2
4	GUJARAT	25
5	HARYANA	13
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4
7	KARNATAKA	27
8	KERALA	7
9 (a)	MADHYA PRADESH	6
9 (b)	CHHATTISGARH	3
10	MAHARASHTRA	32
11	ORISSA	7
12	PUNJAB	15
13	RAJASTHAN	15
14	TAMILNADU	22
15 (a)	UTTAR PRADESH	20
15 (b)	UTTARANCHAL	2
	TOTAL	226

Norms for procurement of foodgrains

*431. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any norms for procurement of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Punjab to revise the procurement norms?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Foodgrains are procured for the Central Pool as per uniform quality specifications laid down by the Government for each Marketing Season. The uniform specifications for paddy, rice and wheat for the 2002-03 Marketing Seasons are annexed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) No proposal in respect of revision in the uniform specifications for foodgrains/procurement norms has so far been received from the Government of Punjab.

Statement

Uniform specifications for paddy, rice and wheat for the 2002-03 Marketing Seasons.

(i) **Uniform specification of all Varieties of Paddy (Marketing Season 2002-2003)**

Paddy shall be in sound merchantable condition dry, clean, wholesome of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grains and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, *Argemone maxicana, Lathyrus sativus* (Kesari), admixture of deleterious substances.

Paddy will be classified into Grade 'A' and Common groups.

Schedule of Specification

Sl.No.	Refractions	Maximum Limits (%)
1.	Foreign matter	
	(a) Inorganic	1.0
	(b) Organic	1.0
2.	Damaged, discoloured, sprouted and weevilled grains	3.0
3.	Immature, Shrunken and shriveled grains	3.0
4.	Admixture of lower class	10.0
5.	Moisture	17.0

NOTE

(i) The definitions of the above refractions and method of analysis are to be followed as per BIS method of analysis of food grains IS: 4333 (Part-I) IS: 4333 (Part-II), 1967 and Terminology for food grains IS: 2813—1970, as amended from time to time.

(ii) The method of sampling is to be followed as per BIS method for sampling of Cereals and Pulses IS : 2814 - 1964 as amended from time to time.

(iii) Within the overall limit of 1.0% for organic foreign matter, poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5% of which Dhatura and Akra seeds (*Vicia species*) not to exceed 0.025% and 0.2% respectively.

(ii) Unform Specification for Grade 'A' & Common Rice (Marketing Season 2002-2003)

Rice shall be in sound merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grains and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, admixture of unwholesome poisonous substances, *Argemone maxicana and Lathyrus sativus* (Kesari) in any form, or colouring agents and all impurities except to the extent in the schedule below. It shall also conform to PEA Standards:

Schedule of Specification

Sl.No.	Refractions	Maximum Limit (%) Grade 'A'	Common
1.	Brokens*		
	Raw	25.0	25.0
	Parboiled	16.0	16.0
2.	Foreign Matter**		
	Raw/Parboiled	0.5	0.5
3.	Damaged/Slightly Damaged		
	Raw	2.0	2.0
	Parboiled	4.0	4.0
4.	Discoloured Grains		
	Raw	3.0	3.0
	Parboiled	5.0	5.0
5.	Chalky Grains		
	Raw	5.0	5.0
6.	Red Grains		
	Raw/Parboiled	3.0	3.0
7.	Admixture of lower class		
	Raw/Parboiled	10.0	—
8.	Dehusked Grains		
	Raw/Parboiled	12.0	12.0
9.	Moisture content***		
	Raw/Parboiled	14.0	14.0

* Including 1% small brokens

** Not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

*** Rice (both raw and parboiled) can be procured with moisture content up to a maximum limit of 15% with value cut. There will be no value cut up to 14%. Between 14% to 15% moisture, value cut will be applicable at the rate of full value.

(iii) Uniform Specification for Indian Wheat of All Varieties for Rabi Marketing Season 2002-2003

Wheat shall:

(a) be the dried mature grains of, *Triticum vulgare, T. Compactum, T. sphaerococcum, T. durun, T. aestivum and T. dicoccum.*

(b) have natural size, shape, colour and lustre.

(c) be sweet, clean, wholesome and free from moulds, obnoxious smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances including toxic weed seeds and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below.

(d) be in sound merchantable condition.

(e) not have any admixture of *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (kesari) in any form, colouring matter, pesticides, and any obnoxious, deleterious and toxic material.

(f) Conform to PFA Rules.

Schedule showing the maximum permissible limits of different Refractions in Fair Average Quality of Wheat

Foreign Matters %	Other food grains %	Damaged grains including karnel bunt & ergot affected grains %	Slightly damaged grains %	Shrivelled & broken grains %
0.75	2.00	2.00	6.00	7.00

NOTE:

1. Moisture in excess of 12% and upto 14% will be discounted at full value. Stocks containing moisture in excess of 14% are to be rejected.

2. Within the overall limit specified for foreign matter, the poisonous weed seeds shall not exceed 0.4% of which Dhatura and Akra (Vicia species) shall not be more than 0.025% and 0.2% by weight respectively.

3. Kernels with glumes will not be treated as unsound grains during physical analysis the glumes will be removed and treated as organic foreign matter.

4. Within the overall limit specified for damaged grains, ergot affected grains shall not exceed 0.05%.